



## Hodgeman County Farm Service Agency

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### County Committee

Brett Schaffer, Chairperson  
Darin Cohoon, Vice-Chairperson  
Heath Bamberger, Member  
Eileena Harms, Advisor

COC MTG 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday  
Of each month 1:00 PM

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## 2011 HODGEMAN COUNTY COMMITTEE



Darin Cohoon, Vice-Chairperson, Brett Schaffer, Chairperson, and Heath Bamberger, member. Not pictured Eileena Harms, Advisor.

The Hodgeman County Farm Service Agency Committee announce the election of Heath Bamberger as the newest member of the committee. He represents the Northeast part of the county East of HWY 283 and North of HWY 156. He will serve a three year term. The COC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM. Heath will be an asset to the committee as a beginning farmer.

### CRP Maintenance

CRP participants are reminded of their responsibility to perform annual CRP Maintenance as specified in their conservation Plan of Operations. A major problem in this area is the invasion of undesirable plants including trees, Musk thistle and Bull thistle that adversely impact the permanent grassland cover. FSA will be conducting annual inspections of CRP to determine contract violations.

### Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Verification

IRS will verify data for FSA for compliance purposes. Producers are required to submit a consent form to IRS. Consent is given on form CCC-927 for individuals and CCC-928 for entities. FSA will not have access to tax returns. The consent forms must be mailed directly to IRS no later than June 15, 2011. Failure to submit these forms will result in a refund of USDA payments and ineligibility for additional payments.

### Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please contact the Hodgeman County FSA office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

### Report Changes

It is important to keep your records accurate and up to date. Report any changes on land ownership or changes in your farming operation. Also, if you have any banking changes such as different account numbers or changing banks, report these changes to insure your Direct Deposit is accurate. Address changes are very important and need to be timely reported to the Hodgeman County FSA Office.

### NAP Application for Coverage Deadline is March 15, 2011

The final date to purchase Non-Insured Crop disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, amaranth, chestnuts, cotton, pecans, pumpkins, safflower, sesame, squash, and walnuts is March 15, 2011. The application and service fee is \$250 per crop, up to \$750 per county not to exceed a total of \$1875 per producer for individuals with farming interest in multiple counties. The application and service fee must be filed by **March 15, 2011**. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees. **REMINDER:** In order to be eligible for SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program) you must purchase NAP coverage on your forage crops. **2011 Crop year producers can obtain CAT level coverage on Dual Purpose Sorghum with the intended use of silage thru RMA. NAP coverage is not available.**

### Sign-Up for 2009 SURE

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program sign-up started January 10, 2011 and will end July 29, 2011. Sure is available to eligible producers on: Any farm in which for the 2009 crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than normal production of the total farm. Contact the office to request benefits. All crops must have crop insurance.

### Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation Compliance

Land owners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded of tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified per the conservation plan. Please notify the office prior to breaking out sod, conducting land clearing, or drainage projects to insure compliance. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in the loss of eligibility and all Federal payments.

